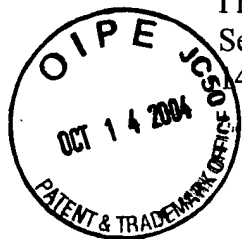


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the two telephone conversations between the Examiner Mr. C. C. Chow and the Applicant during September of 2004. The examiner stated that the Claims 22, 23, and 24 are objected to but the other Claims are allowable; and an Office Action will be issued. The applicant has not yet received any office action.

The Applicant on September 8th 2004 revoked the Power of Attorney of Mr. Stephen Baldwin and filed a change of address form with the PTO. The Applicant has **NOT** received any Office Action if sent by the Examiner. If an Office Action has been sent to Mr. Baldwin, it has not been provided to the applicant. Mr. Baldwin is dealing with personal problems and may not have communicated the documents to the Applicant, if the documents were sent inadvertently to him by the PTO. The Applicant urgently requests a copy of any office action in response to the applicant's last filing of an Amendment on June 11, 2004.

The Applicant withdraws without prejudice the Claims 22, 23 and 24. The Applicant respectfully requests that in view of the remaining allowable Claims, the patent is ready for allowance and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued so that the Applicant may pay the issue fees.

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